2. No foodgrains were authorised for Tsunami in 2004-2005.

BPL families deprived of ration items

1837. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the people living Below Poverty Line are not getting the rationed items forcing them to purchase the same from the open market at high prices;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action Government propose to take to check the black-marketing of ration items by fair price shop holders?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) to (c) The Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) is operated under the joint responsibility of the Central and the State Governments wherein the Central Government is responsible for procurement of foodgrains, storage and their transportation upto the Principal Distribution Centres of FCI and the State Governments are responsible for identification of beneficiaries, issue them ration cards and distribute foodgrains through a vast network of 4.86 lakh Fair Price Shops scattered all over the country. The TPDS is supplemental in nature and does not cater to the full requirement of a household. The norms for allocation of foodgrains for all categories at present is @ 35 Kgs. per household, which is approx. 50% of the total requirement.

In such a vast network chances of irregularities can not be ruled out. However whenever a complaint is received by the Central Government, it is forwarded to the concerned State Government for investigations and necessary remedial action.

The improvement in the Public Distribution System in its efficiency, accountability and effectiveness is an ongoing process. Besides notification of the Public Distribution System (Control) Order, 2001, necessary guidelines have been issued to all the States/UTs for the involvement of the Panchayati Raj Institutions, adopting citizen's charter and formation of Vigilance Committees at FPS level to State level to inspect and monitor the operation of TPDS.

In addition to that inspections/raids are also conducted by the States/ UTs of the Fair Price Shops (FPS). On the basis of this, the guilty persons are punished.

Foodgrains to BPL card holders in Delhi

†1838. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of foodgrains being provided on BPL cards to BPL population in Delhi as on date;

(b) whether Government have reduced the quota and also increased the rates of foodgrains meant for poors under Antyodaya Scheme in Delhi; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) The quantity of foodgrains being provided on BPL Cards to BPL population in Delhi by the Government of NCT of Delhi as on date is as under:

BPL Category

Cards	382123
Wheat	@ 22.66 Kg. per card
Rice	@ 9.70 Kg. per card

AAY Category

Cards	56298
Wheat	@ 24.65 Kg. per card
Rice	@ 9.85 Kg. per card

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.